

CONFIDENTIAL

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

25X1A

TOPIC Volkspolizei Dienststellen in Leipzig

25X1

DATE PREPARED 12 July 1951

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

25XTX

1. Until late May 1951, Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) Leipzig II was located in the former German 106th Inf Regt Kaserne at the intersection of Georg-Schumann-Strasse and Wedellstrasse in Leipzig-Gohlis. The unit was organized into 4 infantry Kommandos, 7 Sonderabteilungen, 1 motor transport Abteilung, and 1 signal-communications Abteilung. The 1st Sonderabteilung was a motorcycle unit, the 2d an engineer unit and the 7th an armored unit. VP Inspekteur Wallbaum, (fmu), was the commanding officer of the VPD. Four Soviet liaison officers were attached to the unit.

2. The VPD was armed with all types of infantry arms, 2 German 210-mm guns, 2 German heavy field howitzers, 2 German light field howitzers, 1 German model IV tank, 1 British tank, and 1 T-34 tank. The artillery pieces had arrived a short time ago, and the police started gun drill at the time of observation. The three tanks were used for training only. The vehicles of the VPD included: 19 trucks, [redacted]

11 sedans and 1 ambulance.

3. The police of the infantry Kommando received infantry training and, in addition, training in mine clearance and in decontamination. The VPD maintained a tent camp near Rohrbach (N 53/E 30), where field training was to be held from 8 May to 11 August 1951. Several officers of the VPD were allegedly to be detached in order to attend a course at a military school in Moscow on 3 June 1951.

4. Volkspolizei units observed in Leipzig between 16 and 22 May included:

a. A VP unit of about 1,200 police in the former Prinz Johann-Georg Kaserne at the intersection of Maz-Liebermann-Strasse and Olbrichtstrasse. It was commanded by VP Inspekteur Richard Staimer, (fmu), the son-in-law of Wilhelm Pieck. Staimer allegedly commanded a red armored brigade during the Spanish Civil War. Police trucks [redacted] were seen at the barracks installation.

b. A VP unit of not less than 1,500 police in the Polizei or 106th Inf Regt Kaserne on the east side of Seelenbinderstrasse in Leipzig-Mockern. Three camouflage-painted pontoons were observed in front of a shed in

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

Document No. 6
 No Change in Class. ☐
☐ Declassified
 Class. Changed To: TS
 Auth: HR 70-2
 Date: 11 AUG 1978

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~SECRET~~/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY

2

25X1A

25X1C

the billeting area.

- c. A VP unit of about 600 police in the eastern section of the Train or Artillerie Kaserne on the west side of Jonny-Scheer-Strasse in Leipzig-Gohlis. A police officer with a carbine stood guard at the barracks gate.
- d. A VP hospital in the Polizei Kaserne on the north side of Bahnhofstrasse in Leipzig-Wiederitzsch. The hospital appeared to be heavily occupied. *

25X1C

25X1A

* Comment. After comparison with previous reports, it is believed that the VPDs of the NVA in Leipzig are: VPD I, commanded by VP Inspekteur Richard Steiner, in the Prinz Johann-Georg Kaserne at 13 Olbrichtstrasse and the Planitz Kaserne on Jonny-Scheer-Strasse; and VPD II, commanded by VP Inspekteur Wallbaum, (fmu), in the Koenig Georg Kaserne at 148 Georg-Schumann-Strasse. The VP hospital and medical school is located in the Polizei Kaserne near the Wiederitzsch railroad station.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~~~SECRET~~/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY